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The listed documents were cited in the Office Action dated August 4, 2006 in Application Serial No. 10/787,217, which was filed on February 27, 2004. A copy of the listed non-patent literature material is enclosed. Copies of the United States Patents and Patent Application Publications are not enclosed.

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